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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: New PCT-U.S. National Stage of  
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Docket No.: 105045

For: ENDOGENETIC RETROVIRAL SEQUENCES, ASSOCIATED WITH  
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OR WITH PREGNANCY DISORDERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

~~Line 1, change "ENDOGENOUS" to --ENDOGENETIC--; and~~  
~~line 2, change "AND/OR" to --OR--.~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Claim 3, line 2, change "either of claims 1 and 2," to --claim 1,--.~~  
~~Claim 5, lines 1-2, change "either of claims 1 and 4," to --claim 1,--.~~  
~~Claim 6, lines 1-2, change "either of claims 1 and 4," to --claim 1,--.~~  
~~Claim 7, lines 5-6, change "any one of claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1,--.~~  
~~Claim 8, lines 4-6, change "any one of claims 1 to 6, or a nucleic fragment according  
to claim 7." to --claim 1,--.~~